

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING THE SERVICE OF JOE ALCORN TO THE SENIORS OF HENDERSON, NV

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Joe Alcorn of Henderson, NV, on being recognized as Volunteer of the Month. I am honored to represent one who has shown such devotion and dedication to our community.

Joe has been a Henderson Senior Center member since 2000. In that time he has made himself an invaluable asset to the center. By taking pictures of the seniors as they dine, dance, or relax, Joe captures the most pleasant experiences at the center, and displays them for all to enjoy. He further captures these memories by videotaping special events. Alcorn has made a documentary of the center's history, which was rerun for all Henderson residents to commemorate the city's 50th anniversary, earlier this year.

Born in Pittsburgh, Joe grew up and graduated from high school in Iowa. Cypress, CA, became his home for the next 46 years. He attended the RCA TV School where he honed his skills and became an expert in his profession. He worked as a TV service worker for a few years until beginning his own business. Joe's work was a labor of love which continued in his dedication to the Henderson Senior Center.

I rise to acknowledge the dedication that Joe Alcorn has shown to the seniors of southern Nevada. The use of his professional skills in this worthy pursuit deserves the recognition of myself and all southern Nevadans.

HONORING THE 42ND ANNUAL YMCA YOUTH GOVERNOR'S CON- FERENCE

HON. PETE SESSIONS

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. SESSIONS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor the 42nd Annual YMCA Youth Governor's Conference that is currently being held here in Washington, DC. The YMCA Youth Governor's Conference brings together some of the most outstanding youth leaders in America. YMCA Youth and Government is a Nation-wide program that allows thousands of teenagers to simulate State and National government. The elected Youth Governors of the State programs are currently in Washington, and I am honored to serve as the Congressional sponsor for the Member's breakfast in honor of the YMCA Youth Governor's Conference.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to personally recognize each of this year's YMCA Youth Gov-

ernors for their dedication and service to America's youth.

Gina Bullock of Texas, Ethan Link of Tennessee, Alex Sanders of Georgia, Elizabeth Strassner of Oklahoma, Martin Holmes of Maine, Michael Sheflin of New Jersey, Joseph Colarusso of New York, Wayne Bragg of Mississippi, Ryan Wedge of Connecticut, Eli Turkel of Delaware, Matthew Stoller of Massachusetts.

Ann Nemitz of Arizona, Sarah Coburn of Oregon, Richard Friedman of Alabama, Judd Kennedy of Pennsylvania, Kristen Adams of Michigan, Asher Perlman of Wisconsin, Meg Dennard of Louisiana, Rushi Desai of Missouri, Torry Van Slyke of Idaho, Renee Walker of North Carolina.

Richard Marrs of Virginia, Scott Antolak of Minnesota, Kyle Smith of California, Allen Klump of South Carolina, Kyle LaFountain of New Hampshire, Justin Cajindos of Illinois, Stephen Takach of New Mexico, Justin Hoefflicker of Indiana, Rasean Crawley of Kentucky, Keisha Hyman-Girth of Washington, James Walsh of Maryland.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE REVEREND WILLIAM A. LAWSON

HON. CHRIS BELL

OF TEXAS

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Mr. BELL. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Reverend William Alexander Lawson on the occasion of his 75th birthday and 57th year of pastoral service.

Rev. William A. Lawson is the founding pastor of Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church located in Houston, TX. Established in March 1962 with 13 members, the congregation has grown in excess of 2,500 members. The initial emphasis of the church focused on meeting the spiritual needs of Baptists in the transitional community near Texas Southern University.

Rev. Lawson is known and admired as an outstanding preacher and teacher. He is a national and international speaker and educator. Since 1965, he has traveled internationally as a missions and evangelical speaker. He has spoken in Southeast Asia, the Middle East, and the Far East. He was invited by the government of Israel to tour the nation with the American press to help provide a more positive image of the aspirations of Israel.

Early in his career, Rev. Lawson served as director of the Baptist Student Union and professor of bible at Texas Southern University in Houston. He helped form the first Afro-American studies program at the University of Houston, and taught classes at the University of Houston in sociology and the black church.

Rev. Lawson is a community and social action leader. He founded and organized the United Way's Houston Homeless Initiative in response to the growing number of homeless and jobless persons. Under his leadership, more than \$4 million was raised to address

homelessness. He assembled a coalition of African-American political, civic and social organizations to negotiate with city, county, and school governments. The coalition is now comprised of more than sixty organizations.

In 1986 he received a Doctor of Divinity from Howard Payne University, in Brownwood, Texas. He graduated cum laude from Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City, Kansas where he received a Master of Arts in Theology and a Bachelor of Arts in Divinity. He majored in New Testament Interpretation and was appointed Teaching Fellow in Homiletics. He did his undergraduate work at Tennessee A&I State University in Nashville, Tennessee where he received a bachelor's degree. He graduated cum laude with a major in sociology.

Rev. Lawson is married to Audrey H. Lawson. They have four children and three grandchildren.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to congratulate Rev. Lawson on his 75th birthday and his 57 years of exceptional service and pastoral leadership.

RECOGNIZING NICHOLAS THEODOREDIS' EFFORTS IN DE- FENSE OF THE NATION

HON. JON C. PORTER

OF NEVADA

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Mr. PORTER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to acknowledge the long awaited presentation of the Purple Heart to World War II veteran, and Las Vegas resident, Nicholas Demetrios Theodoredis. This, his second Purple Heart, recognizes the commitment to our great country shown by so many from the generation who faced the horrors of the Second World War.

I am happy to share my thanks and congratulations for this long overdue tribute to the valor of Mr. Theodoredis' service in the North African Campaign of World War II. America has been well served by such men and women and will continue, with their example, to maintain its position as a world leader and defender of liberty.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GENE TAYLOR

OF MISSISSIPPI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 19, 2003

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, on June 18, 2003, I missed rollcall vote No. 287, an amendment in the nature of a substitute to H.R. 8, the Estate Tax Permanency Act offered by my colleague from North Dakota, Mr. POMEROY.

While H.R. 8 was being considered on the House floor, the House Armed Services Committee, of which I am a member, was receiving

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